UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

ANDREW J. ARDINO; JOSEPH ARDINO;
and LISA A. ARDINO, on behalf of themselves
and all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff(s),

-against-

SOLOMON AND SOLOMON, P.C., and JOHN DOES 1-25.

Defend	lant((s)

Civil Case Number: _____

CIVIL ACTION

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff, Andrew J. Ardino, Joseph Ardino; and Lisa A. Ardino, on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated (hereinafter "Plaintiffs") by and through their undersigned attorney, alleges against the above-named Defendants, Solomon and Solomon, P.C., (hereinafter "Solomon"); and John Does 1-25, collectively ("Defendants") their employees, agents, and successors the following:

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

1. Plaintiff brings this action for damages and declaratory and injunctive relief arising from the Defendant's violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1692 *et seq.*, the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (hereinafter "FDCPA"), which prohibits debt collectors from engaging in abusive, deceptive and unfair practices.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 2. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1331. This is an action for violations of 15 U.S.C. § 1692 *et seq*.
- 3. Venue is proper in this district under 28 U.S.C. §1391(b)(2) because the acts and transactions that give rise to this action occurred, in substantial part, in this district.

DEFINITIONS

4. As used in reference to the FDCPA, the terms "creditor," "communication" "consumer," "debt," and "debt collector" are defined in § 803 of the FDCPA and 15 U.S.C. § 1692a.

PARTIES

- 5. The FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. § 1692 *et seq.*, which prohibits certain debt collection practices provides for the initiation of court proceedings to enjoin violations of the FDCPA and to secure such equitable relief as may be appropriate in each case.
- 6. Plaintiff, Andrew J. Ardino, is a natural person and a resident of the State of New Jersey, and is a "Consumer" as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(3).
- 7. Plaintiff, Joseph Ardino, is a natural person and a resident of the State of New Jersey, and is a "Consumer" as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(3).
- 8. Plaintiff, Lisa A. Ardino, is a natural person and a resident of the State of New Jersey, and is a "Consumer" as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(3).
- Solomon is a law firm with its primary offices located at Five Columbia Circle,
 Albany, New York 12203.
- 10. Upon information and belief, Solomon is primarily in the business of collecting debts allegedly due to another and is therefore a "Debt Collector" as that term is defined by 15 U.S.C. §1692a(6).
- 11. John Does 1-25, are fictitious names of individuals and businesses alleged for the purpose of substituting names of defendants whose identities will be disclosed in discovery and should be made parties to this action.

CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

- 12. Plaintiff brings this action as a class action, pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (hereinafter "FRCP"), on behalf of himself and all consumers and their successors in interest (the "Class"), who were sent debt collection letters and/or notices from the Weiner which are in violation of the FDCPA, as described in this Complaint.
- 13. This Action is properly maintained as a statewide class action. The Class consists of:
 - All New Jersey consumers who were sent collection letters and/or notices from Solomon, attempting to collect debt(s) allegedly owed to New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority, that contained at least one of the alleged violations arising from Defendants' violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1692 et seq.
 - The Class period begins one year to the filing of this Action.
- 14. The Class satisfies all the requirements of Rule 23 of the FRCP for maintaining a class action:
 - Upon information and belief, the Class is so numerous that joinder of all
 members is impracticable because there are hundreds and/or thousands of
 persons who were sent debt collection letters and/or notices from Weiner that
 violate specific provisions of the FDCPA. Plaintiff is complaining of a
 standard form letter and/or notice that is sent to hundreds of persons;
 - There are questions of law and fact which are common to the Class and which
 predominate over questions affecting any individual Class member. These
 common questions of law and fact include, without limitation:

- a. Whether Defendants violated various provisions of the FDCPA;
- Whether Plaintiff and the Class have been injured by Defendant's conduct;
- c. Whether Plaintiff and the Class have sustained damages and are entitled to restitution as a result of Defendants' wrongdoing and if so, what is the proper measure and appropriate statutory formula to be applied in determining such damages and restitution; and
- d. Whether Plaintiff and the Class are entitled to declaratory and/or injunctive relief.
- Plaintiff's claims are typical of the Class, which all arise from the same operative facts and are based on the same legal theories.
- Plaintiff has no interest adverse or antagonistic to the interest of the other members of the Class.
- Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interest of the Class and has retained experienced and competent attorneys to represent the Class.
- A Class Action is superior to other methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the claims herein asserted. Plaintiff anticipates that no unusual difficulties are likely to be encountered in the management of this class action.
- A Class Action will permit large numbers of similarly situated persons to
 prosecute their common claims in a single forum simultaneously and without
 the duplication of effort and expense that numerous individual actions would
 engender. Class treatment will also permit the adjudication of relatively small
 claims by many Class members who could not otherwise afford to seek legal

redress for the wrongs complained of herein. Absent a Class Action, class members will continue to suffer losses of statutory protected rights as well as monetary damages. If Defendants' conduct is allowed proceed without remedy they will continue to reap and retain the proceeds of their ill-gotten gains.

Defendants have acted on grounds generally applicable to the entire Class,
 thereby making appropriate final injunctive relief or corresponding
 declaratory relief with respect to the Class as a whole.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 15. On or about May 4, 2008, Andrew J. Ardino applied for a student loan from the New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (hereinafter "HESAA"). A copy of said application is annexed hereto as Exhibit A, except that the undersigned attorney has, in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 5.2 partially redacted the financial account numbers in an effort to protect Plaintiff's privacy.
- On or about May 4, 2008, Joseph Ardino, cosigned the HESAA loan for his son,
 Andrew J. Ardino.
- 17. On or about May 4, 2008, Lisa A. Ardino, cosigned the HESAA loan for her son, Andrew J. Ardino.
 - 18. The loan amount requested was \$20,000.
- 19. The HESAA obligation arose out of a transaction in which money, property, insurance or services, which are the subject of the transaction, are primarily for personal, family or household purposes.
 - 20. The alleged HESAA obligation is a "debt" as defined by 15 U.S.C.\(\} 1692a(5).

- 21. Plaintiffs are at all times relevant to this lawsuit, a "consumer" as that term is defined by 15 U.S.C. §1692a(3).
- 22. On or before HESAA placed and/or referred the alleged obligation with Solomon for the purpose of collection.
- 23. On or about September 13, 2012, Solomon caused to be mailed to Andrew J. Ardino a letter attempting to collect the alleged HESAA obligation. A copy of said letter is annexed hereto as Exhibit B, except that the undersigned attorney has, in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 5.2 partially redacted the financial account numbers in an effort to protect Plaintiff's privacy.
- 24. On or about September 13, 2012, Solomon caused to be mailed to Joseph Ardino a letter attempting to collect the alleged HESAA obligation. A copy of said letter is annexed hereto as <u>Exhibit C</u>, except that the undersigned attorney has, in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 5.2 partially redacted the financial account numbers in an effort to protect Plaintiff's privacy.
- 25. On or about September 13, 2012, Solomon caused to be mailed to Lisa A. Ardino a letter attempting to collect the alleged HESAA obligation. A copy of said letter is annexed hereto as <u>Exhibit D</u>, except that the undersigned attorney has, in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 5.2 partially redacted the financial account numbers in an effort to protect Plaintiff's privacy.
- 26. At all pertinent times hereto, Solomon was collecting an alleged debt relating to a consumer transaction, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §1692a(5).
- 27. The September 13, 2012 letter sent to Andrew J. Ardino is a "communication" relating to a "debt" as defined by 15 U.S.C. §1692a(2).
- 28. The September 13, 2012 letter sent to Joseph Ardino is a "communication" relating to a "debt" as defined by 15 U.S.C. §1692a(2).

- 29. The September 13, 2012 letter sent to Lisa A. Ardino is a "communication" relating to a "debt" as defined by 15 U.S.C. §1692a(2).
- 30. The September 13, 2103 letters, which were sent to each Plaintiff names in this lawsuit, were identical in content, expect for the name of the addressee.
 - 31. Upon receipt, Andrew J. Ardino read the September 13, 2012 letter.
 - 32. Upon receipt, Joseph Ardino read the September 13, 2012 letter.
 - 33. Upon receipt, Lisa A. Ardino read the September 13, 2012 letter.
- 34. Each of the September 13, 2012 letters stated at the top: "Amount due as of 09/13/2012: \$25,385.66".
- 35. Each of the September 13, 2012 letters further stated in the second paragraph: "Attorney fees of 22% of the claim referred are due to the State pursuant tot he terms of the note(s) and NJ Regulation 9A:10-6.16(b)."
- 36. Amount due of \$25,385.66 as stated in each of the September 13, 2013 letters included attorneys' fess in the amount of \$4.561.45.
- 37. The attorneys' fees of \$4,561.45 is precisely 22% of the unpaid principal and interest past due of \$20,733.88.
- 38. The attorneys' fees of \$4,561.45, represents the contingency fee agreement between Solomon and HESAA rather than a pre-paid, flat fee.
- 39, Upon information and belief, the applicable agreement between Plaintiffs and HESAA included as provisions, which stated in part: "I will pay all charges, collection costs and all other costs that are permitted under this Note for the collection of this loan, which the lender or subsequent holder of this Promissory Note incurs in collecting this loan."

- 40. At the time Solomon sent the September 13, 2102 letters, Plaintiffs did not owe HESAA attorneys' fees in the amount of \$4,561.45.
- 41. At the time Solomon sent the September 13, 2102 letters to Plaintiffs, Solomon had not billed HESAA for attorney fees in the amount \$4,561.45, relative to the collection of the alleged debt.
- 42. At the time Solomon sent the September 13, 2102 letters to Plaintiffs, Solomon had not charge HESAA attorneys fees of \$4,561.45, relative to the collection of the alleged debt.
- 43. At the time Solomon sent the September 13, 2102 letters to Plaintiffs, HESAA had not paid attorneys fees to Solomon in the amount of \$4,561.45, relative to the collection of the alleged debt.
- 44. At the time Solomon sent the September 13, 2102 letters to Plaintiffs, HESAA had not been awarded attorneys' fees by any Court in any jurisdiction.
- 45. At the time Solomon sent the September 13, 2102 letters to Plaintiffs, Solomon had not filed an action in any Court in any jurisdiction.
- 46. On September 20, 2012, Joseph Ardino through his undersigned attorney sent a letter to Solomon disputing the alleged debt and demanding a full accounting and verification. A copy of said letter is annexed hereto as <u>Exhibit E</u>, except that the undersigned attorney has, in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 5.2 partially redacted the financial account numbers in an effort to protect Plaintiff's privacy.
- 47. On September 24, 2102, Solomon provided to the undersigned attorney a cover letter itemizing the alleged balance and computer printouts of the history of the alleged debt. A copy of said cover letter and printouts are annexed hereto as <u>Exhibit F</u>, except that the

undersigned attorney has, in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 5.2 partially redacted the financial account numbers in an effort to protect Plaintiff's privacy.

- 48. At the time Solomon sent the September 24, 2102 letter to the undersigned attorney, Solomon had not filed an action in any Court in any jurisdiction.
- 49. At the time Solomon sent the September 24, 2102 letter to the undersigned attorney, HESAA had not been awarded attorneys' fees by any Court in any jurisdiction
- 50. The September 24, 2012 letter stated in part: "At the time it [the HESAA obligation] was referred to collection to our office, the unpaid principal was \$19,666.44 plus interest of \$1067.44 as of 08/22/12."
- 51. The September 24, 2012 letter further stated: "Based on its [HESAA] agreement with the firm, the fees on a contingency fee of 22% of the amount referred to our office. Based on the above the fee would be \$4,561.45".
- 52. At the time Solomon sent the September 24, 2102 letter, Plaintiffs did not owe HESAA attorneys' fees in the amount of \$4,561.45.
- 53. At the time Solomon sent the September 24, 2102 letter, Solomon had not billed HESAA for attorneys' fees in the amount \$4,561.45, relative to the collection of the alleged debt.
- 54. At the time Solomon sent the September 13, 2102 letters, Solomon had not charge HESAA attorneys' fees of \$4,561.45, relative to the collection of the alleged debt.
- 55. At the time Solomon sent the September 13, 2102 letters, HESAA had not paid attorneys' fees to Solomon in the amount of \$4,561.45, relative to the collection of the alleged debt.
- 56. On or about February 7, 2013, Solomon filed a Complaint against Plaintiffs, in the Superior Court of New Jersey Law Division, Union County, Docket No.; UNN L 000451-13.

A copy of said Complaint is annexed hereto as <u>Exhibit G</u>, except that the undersigned attorney has, in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 5.2 partially redacted the financial account numbers in an effort to protect Plaintiffs' privacy.

- 57. In paragraph 7 of said Complaint, Solomon requested "Reasonable attorneys fees pursuant to the terms of the agreement and NJ Regulation 9A:10-6.16(b) are due to Plaintiff from Defendant. The fees payable to counsel are based on a contingency fee of 22%."
 - 58. N.J.A.C. 9A:10-6.16(b) provides *inter alia*:

Upon default, the borrower and/or cosigner, if any, are liable for the entire balance of the loan. Upon default, the Authority shall notify credit bureaus of this negative information. Default *may* result in any or all of the following: expedited increase of interest rate, loss of State income tax refunds or State tax rebates, legal, assessment of collection charges including attorney fees of up to 30 percent *of the debt collected.....* [emphasis added].

- 59. Upon information and belief, members of the class have made payment of attorneys' fees, which were not due and owing.
- 60. Within the period beginning on the day one year prior to the date this Complaint is filed to the present, Solomon sent collection letters attempting to collect debts to more than 50 consumers residing within the State of New Jersey similar to the letter annexed hereto as Exhibit A.
- 61. Solomon's actions as described herein are part of a pattern and practice used to collect consumer debts.
- 62. Solomon could have taken the steps necessary to bring its actions within compliance with the FDCPA, but neglected to do so and failed to adequately review its actions to ensure compliance with the law.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES COMPLAINED OF

- 63. It is Solomon's policy and practice to send written collection communications, in the form annexed hereto as Exhibit A, that violate the FDCPA, by *inter alia*:
 - (a) Failing to accurately state the amount of the alleged debt.
 - (b) Attempting to collect attorneys' fees when no such fees were to Solomon.
 - (c) Attempting to interest in amount greater than what was actually due.
 - (d) Using false, deceptive or misleading representations or means in connection with the collection of any debt.

COUNT I

VIOLATIONS OF THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT 15 U.S.C. § 1692 et seq.

- 64. Plaintiff repeats the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 63 as if the same were set forth at length herein.
- 65. Collection letters and/or notices such as those sent by Solomon, are to be evaluated by the objective standard of the hypothetical "least sophisticated consumer."
- 66. Solomon violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692 et seq. of the FDCPA in connection with its communications to Plaintiff and others similarly situated.
- 67. Solomon violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692e of the FDCPA by using a false, deceptive or misleading representation or means in connection with its attempts to collect the alleged debts from Plaintiffs and other similarly situated.
- 68. By stating in its collection letters to Plaintiffs and other similarly situated that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 9a:10-6.16(B), attorneys' fees are based on 22% of the "claim referred" when in fact pursuant to N.J.A.C. 9a:10-6.16(B), if attorneys are due at all, the amount is based on a percent of the amount of the *debt collected*, Solomon used false, deceptive, misleading

representations or means in connection with its attempts to collect the alleged debts from Plaintiffs and other similarly situated, in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1692e *et seq*.

- 69. By demanding an amount for attorneys' fees in its initial and subsequent collection letters to Plaintiffs and other similarly situated when said attorneys' fees were not yet, if at all, due Solomon violated various provisions of the FDCPA, including but not limited to, 15 U.S.C. § 1692e, 15 U.S.C. § 1692e(2)(A), 15 U.S.C. § 1692e(10), 15 U.S.C. § 1692f and 15 U.S.C. § 1692f(1).
- 70. By representing to Plaintiffs and other similarly situated that an amount was due for attorney fees in its initial collection letters when said attorney fees were not yet, if at all, due pursuant to the underlying contracts or were not permitted by law, Solomon violated various provision of the FDCPA, including but not limited to, 15 U.S.C. § 1692e, 15 U.S.C. § 1692e(2)(A), 15 U.S.C. § 1692e(10), 15 U.S.C. § 1692f, and 15 U.S.C. § 1692f(1).
- 71. Solomon violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692e(2)(A) if the FDCPA by falsely representing the charter, amount or legal status of the alleged debt in its initial collection letters to Plaintiffs and others similarly situated.
- 72. Solomon violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692e(10) of the FDCPA by using a false representation or deceptive means to collect or attempt to collect a debt from Plaintiff and other similarly situated.
- 73. Solomon violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692f of the FDCPA by using unfair and unconscionable means to collect or attempt to collect a debt from Plaintiffs and others similarly situated.

- 74. Solomon violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692f(1) of the FDCPA by collecting or attempting to collect an amount that was not expressly authorized by the agreement creating the alleged debt or by law.
- 75. By reason thereof, Solomon are liable to Plaintiff and other similarly situated for declaratory judgment that Solomon's conduct violated Section 1692g *et seq.* of the FDCPA, actual damages, statutory damages, costs and attorneys' fees.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendants as follows:

- (a) Declaring that this action is properly maintainable as a Class Action and certifying Plaintiff as Class representative and, Joseph K. Jones, Esq., as Class Counsel;
- (b) Issuing a preliminary and/or permanent injunction restraining Solomon, their employees, agents and successors from, *inter alia*, engaging in conduct and practices that are in violation of the FDCPA;
- (c) Issuing a declaratory Order requiring Solomon to make corrective disclosures;
 - (d) Awarding Plaintiff and the Class statutory damages;
 - (e) Awarding Plaintiff and the Class actual damages;
- (f) Awarding Plaintiff costs of this Action, including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses;
 - (g) Awarding pre-judgment interest and post-judgment interest; and
- (h) Awarding Plaintiff and the Class such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

Dated: Fairfield, New Jersey March 22, 2013

/s/ Joseph K. Jones

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DEMAND FOR TRIAL BY JURY

Pursuant to Rule 38 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff hereby requests a trial by jury on all issues so triable.

/s/ Joseph K. Jones
Joseph K. Jones

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO LOCAL RULE 11.2

I, Joseph K. Jones, the undersigned attorney of record for Plaintiff, do hereby certify to

my own knowledge and based upon information available to me at my office, the matter in

controversy is not the subject of any other action now pending in any court or in any arbitration

or administrative proceeding.

Dated: March 22, 2103

/s/ Joseph K. Jones

Joseph K. Jones

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Exhibit

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NJCLASS Loan Application

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NJCLASS PROMISSORY NOTE

It is important that you thoroughly read this Note before you sign it

WARNING: Any person who knowingly makes a talse statement or a misrepresentation on this form is subject to penalties which may include fines or imprisonment under N.J.S.A. 18A.71C-31

In this Promissory Note, the words "", "me," "my," and "Borrower" mean the undersigned borrower and/or co-borrower(s) and co-signer(s), or if there is more than one undersigned borrower, all borrowers jointly and severally, unless the language specifically refers to only one or the other "Lender", "you" and "your" means New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA), its successors or subsequent holder of this Note, "Note" means the Promissory Note including NJCLASS Terms, Conditions, and Definitions, "School" means the School

Name indicated on the Loan Application, "Certification" means the Certification and Authorization in the Loan Application, "Notice" refers to the Notice of Disclosure Statement Borrower Information Please print in dark ink Last Name First Permanent Address Student information Please print in dark ink M Repayment Option. Select one of the following options by placing an "X" in the box you choose. Refer to the explanation found in the Terms, Conditions, and Definitions (Option 1) Monthly principal and interest payments - Begin repayment 60 days after the first disbursement X (Option 2) Quarterly Interest-only payments Deferred principal, and pay only the interest that accrues while in deferment. Option 3) Defer all payments while in school. Accrued interest will be capitalized once a year The interest rate for this option is 0.30% higher than options 1 or 2 for the life of the loan Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA) Promise to Pay: I, the undersigned for value received, promise to pay to the order PO Box 538 Trenton, NJ 08625-0538 Or subsequent holder of this Note, all of the principal sum of. Requested Loan Amount \$ 20,000.00 Or such toan amount as is advanced to me and identified to me in the Notice of Loan Disclosure Statement, plus interest as set forth in the NUCLASS Loan Jerms, Conditions, Definitions, and any other charges that may become due; if I fail to pay any of these amounts when they are due, I will pay all charges, collection costs and all other costs that are permitted under this Note for the collection of this loan, which the tender or subsequent holder of this Pornissory Note incurs in collecting this loan. I agree that the laws of the State of New Jersey shall govern this Note including the conditions and authorizations stated in the "Certification," if applicable, I will also provide a copy of this Promissory Note, including the Terms, Conditions, and Definitions to each costigner(s) for his/her records.

I understand that this is a Promissory Note. I have not algred this Note before reading, understanding and agreeing to it, including the Terms, Conditions and Definitions. By signing this Promissory Note I acknowledge that I have received a copy hereof. Signature Andrew Ardino Dete Co-Borrower Date NOTICE TO THE COSIGNER(S): You are being asked to assume full responsibility for this debt. Think carefully before you do so, if the borrower(s) does not pay the full amount of this debt, you will be required to do so. Be sure that you can afford to pay the full amount of this debt if you have to, and their you want to accept responsibility for the full amount of the debt. You may have to pay up to the full emount of the debt if the borrower(s) does not pay or is otherwise in Default. You may also have to pay interest charges, late fees or collection costs, which may increase that it that may increase may increase may increase may increase the borrower(s). The holder of this Note can use the same collection methods against you that can be used against the borrower(s), such as sung you, gamishing your weges, etc. If this debt is ever in Default that fact may become part of your credit record understand that this is a Promissory Note: I have not eigned this Note before reading, understanding and agreeing to it, including the Terms, Conditions, and Definitions. By signing the Promissory Note: I have not eigned that have necessarily hereof from the borrower. Signature Signature Joseph Ardino Jt. Cosloner ender Approval For Official Use Only Officer 1 Approved Loan Amount O. Officer 2

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NEW JERSEY HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENT ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY

Amount due as of 09/13/2012: \$25,385.66

Dear Andrew J Ardino:

The above named creditor has referred your account to our office for collection. If your records do not agree with the amount above, then contact our office. Otherwise please make your check or money order payable to the creditor and mail directly to this office.

Attorney fees of 22% of the claim referred are due to the State pursuant to the terms of the note(s)

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Five Columbia Circle Albany NY, 12203

Client:

NEW JERSEY HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENT

ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY

Amount due as of 09/13/2012: \$25,385.66

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Law Offices of

Joseph K. Jones, LLC

Attorney at Law

375 Passaic Avenue Suite 100 Fairfield, New Jersey 07004 973-227-5900 facsimile 973-244-0019 iki@legaljones.com

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United States District Court, Southern District of New York
United States District Court, New Jersey
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100 Park Avenue 20th Floor New York, NY 10017 646-459-7971

Reply to: New Jersey

September 20, 2012

Via Facsimile (518) 456-0651, Certified Mail 7011 0470 0003 1304 7099 and First Class Mail Solomon and Solomon P.C. Columbia Circle PO Box 15019 Albany, NY 12212-5019

Re:

Joseph Ardino

Creditor: New Jersey Higher Education Student

Assistance Authority

Account No.:

File No.:

To Whom It May Concern:

This firm has been retained to represent the interest of Joseph Ardino, relative to the above-referenced matter.

Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §1692c(c), you are hereby instructed to immediately Cease and Desist all collection efforts and communications with Mr. Ardino.

As provided for under 15 U.S.C. §1692g(b), my client disputes the validity of the alleged debt and demands a verification, a full accounting, and the name and address of the original creditor. Kindly forward all such information to our New Jersey office. Additionally, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §1692e(8), if Solomon and Solomon P.C., is reporting credit information concerning this alleged debt, then it is obligated to report it as disputed.

Your anticipated cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Very truly yours, LAW OFFICES OF JOSEPH K. JONES, LLC

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Mailing Address: Columbia Circle Box 15019 Albany, NY 12212-5019

Located At: Five Columbia Circle Albany, NY 12203

(518) 456-7200 Fax (518) 456-0651 Toll free 1-800-259-6723 September 24, 2012

Joseph K Jones Law Offices of Joseph K Jones, LLC 375 Passaic Ave Suite 100 Fairfield, NJ 07004

Creditor: New Jersey Higher Education Assistance Authority

Loan

Your client: Joseph Ardino

Dear Attorney Jones

I am writing in regard to the above loan account your client has have with New Jersey and the request for further information from your letter of 9/20/12.

The file shows a loan applied for in the sum of \$20,000.00 and was approved for that sum in May 2008 under a Promissory Note under the NJ Class Program. Interest is set by the authority under New Jersey regulations. The rate was 7.62 % annually. There was a default in payment. At the time it was referred to collection to our office, the unpaid principal was \$19,666.44 plus interest of \$1067.44 as of \$/22/12. 714.60 as of 2/1/12. A copy of the Note signature page, Direct Loan approval page, Direct Loan Tracking page showing the sum turned over and an accounting history are enclosed.

Fees are due to the State under the Note pursuant to the terms of the note and NJ Regulation 9A:10-6.16(b). That regulation provides:

- (a) Default occurs when a borrower fails to make an installment payment when due, or to meet other terms of the Promissory Note under circumstances where the Authority finds it reasonable to conclude that the borrower no longer intends to honor the obligation to repay, provided failure to repay persists for:
- 1. At least 180 days when payments are due monthly; or
- 2. At least 240 days during the student's in-school period when payments are due less frequently than monthly.
- b) Upon default, the borrower and/or cosigner, if any, are liable for the entire balance of the loan. Upon default, the Authority shall notify credit bureaus of this negative information. Default may result in any or all of the following: expedited increase of interest rate, loss of State collection charges including attorney fees of up to 30 percent of the debt collected, loss of eligibility for other student aid, negative credit

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(518) 456-7200 Fax (518) 456-0651 Toll free 1-800-259-6723 Based on its agreement with the firm, the fees are based on a contingency fee of 22% of the amount referred to our office. Based on the above the fee would be \$4,561.45

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Ver truly yours Solomon and Solomon, P.C.

Douglas M. Fisher

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DATE: 08/27/12

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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
Union County
LAW DIVISION

VS.

ANDREW J ARDINO JOSEPH ARDINO LISA A ARDINO Docket No.
Civil Action (Contract)
COMPLAINT

Defendant(s)

Plaintiff with a principal place of business at: 4 QUAKERBRIDGE PLAZA TRENTON NJ 08625 Bays:

Plaintiff, by its attorneys, complaining of the defendant(s), respectfully alleges upon information and belief:

- Plaintiff, NEW JERSEY HIGHER EDUCATION AN EDUCATIONAL CORPORATION.
- STUDENT ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY
- 2. The Defendant resides in the county in which this action is brought; or the defendant transacted business within the county in which this action is brought in person or through his agent and the instant cause of action arose out of said transaction.

- 3. That heretofore Defendant, for value, entered into a promissory note
- 4. Defendant has failed to comply with the terms of the agreement garding payment and Plaintiff is now the owner and holder thereof.
- 5. Pursuant to the terms of the agreement and as a consequence of the fault of the Defendant, Plaintiff has elected to declare the entire balance of \$19666.44 due with accrued interest of \$1126.10 , for a total due \$20792.54 as of 10/24/12.
- 6. Although duly demanded, no part of the aforementioned sum has been id.
- 7. Reasonable attorneys fees pursuant to the terms of the agreement i NJ Regulation 9A:10-6.16(b) are due to Plaintiff from the Defendant. a fees payable to counsel are based on a contingency fee of 22%.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff demands judgment against defendant(s) for the sum \$20792.54 with interest at 7.62% from 10/24/12 on \$19666.44 jether with costs and disbursements and reasonable attorneys fees the sum of \$4561.45 which does not exceed 22% of the total punt owed.

I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false I am subject to punishment. This matter in controversy is not the subject of any other action or arbitration proceeding now or contemplated except as stated in this complaint and no other parties should be joined in this action. R.4.5-1. I certify that confidential personal identifiers have been redacted from documents now submitted to the court, and will be redacted from all documents submitted in the future in accordance with Rule 1:38-7(b).

Dated: 00/75/12

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By Douglas M. Fisher / Norina Melita

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TRACK ASSIGNMENT NOTICE

COURT TELEPHONE NO. (908) 659-4817 COURT HOURS

DATE: FEBRUARY 07, 2013

RE: NJ HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENT ASSIST VS ARDING

DOCKET: UNN L -000451 13

THE ABOVE CASE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO: TRACK 1.

DISCOVERY IS 150 DAYS AND RUNS FROM THE FIRST ANSWER OR 90 DAYS FROM SERVICE ON THE FIRST DEFENDANT, WHICHEVER COMES FIRST.

THE PRETRIAL JUDGE ASSIGNED IS: HON REGINA C. CAULFIELD

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT TEAM 001 AT: (908) 659-4823.

IF YOU BELIEVE THAT THE TRACK IS INAPPROPRIATE YOU MUST FILE A CERTIFICATION OF GOOD CAUSE WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE FILING OF YOUR PLEADING.
PLAINTIPP MUST SERVE COPIES OF THIS FORM ON ALL OTHER PARTIES IN ACCORDANGEMENT R.4:5A-2.

ATTENTION:

ATT: NORINA MELITA
SOLOMON & SOLOMON
S COLUMBIA CIRCLE
ALBANY NY 12203

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Solomon and Solomon, P.C. Five Columbia Circle Albany, New York 12203 Telephone No.: (518) 456-7200 Attorney(s) for Plaintiff(s):

> NEW JERSEY HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENT ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY

> > Plaintiff(s)

vs.

ANDREW J ARDINO JOSEPH ARDINO LISA A ARDINO

Defendant(s)

Defendant (

From the State of New Jersey
To the Defendant(s) named above:

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY Law Division-Union

Docket No.

Civil Action (Contract) S U M M O N S

The plaintiff, named above, has filed a lawsuit against you in the Superior Court of New Jersey. The complaint attached to this summons states the basis for this lawsuit. If you dispute this complaint, you or your attorney must file a written answer or motion and proof of service with the deputy clerk of the Superior Court in the county listed above within 35 days from the date you received this summons, not counting the date you received it. (The address of each deputy clerk of the Superior Court is provided.) If the complaint is one in foreclosure, then you must file your written answer or motion and proof of service with the Clerk of the Superior Court, Hughes Justice Complex, P.O. Box 971, Trenton, NJ 08625-0971. A filing fee payable to the Treasurer, State of New Jersey and a completed Case Information Statement (available from the deputy clerk of the Superior Court) must accompany your answer or motion when it is filed. You must also send a copy of your answer or motion to plaintiff's attorney whose name and address appear above, or to plaintiff, if no attorney is named above. A telephone call will not protect your rights; you must file and serve a written answer or motion (with fee of \$135.00 and completed Case Information Statement) if you want the court to hear your defense.

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If you do not file and serve a written answer or motion within 35 days, the court may enter a judgment against you for the relief plaintiff demands, plus interest and costs of suit. If judgment is entered against you, the Sheriff may seize your money, wages or property to pay all or part of the judgment.

If you cannot afford an attorney, you may call the Legal Services office in the county where you live or the Legal Services of New Jersey Statewide Hotline at 1-883-LSNJ-LAW (1-888-576-5529). A list of these offices is provided. If you do not have an attorney and are not eligible for free legal assistance, you may obtain a referral to an attorney by calling one of the Lawyer Referral Services. A list of these numbers is also provided.

Dated:

Jennifer M. Perez Clerk of the Superior Court

Name/address of defendant(s) to be Served:

ANDREW J ARDINO

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